

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE CLAIMS

1.-37. (canceled)

1 38. (currently amended) At least one computer-readable storage medium
2 having computer-executable instructions for performing a method to enable a
3 plurality of users to collaborate, the method comprising:

4 displaying in a first pane a graphical hierarchy having a plurality of nodes,
5 each node of the plurality of nodes ~~capable of making adapted to make, upon~~
6 selection, one or more resources accessible for a collaboration;

7 in response to user selection of a node of the plurality of nodes, presenting
8 in a second pane one or more links, each respective link of the one or more links
9 associated with a respective resource of the one or more resources; wherein
10 activation of a link of the one or more links enables access to an associated
11 resource;

12 displaying in a third pane a plurality of computer representations, each
13 respective computer representation of the plurality of computer representations
14 corresponding to a respective computer that can be used to contribute to the
15 collaboration; and

16 in response to user selection of a computer representation of the plurality of
17 computer representations, presenting in a fourth pane a work queue for a
18 respective computer that corresponds to the selected computer representation;
19 wherein the work queue includes multiple tasks that are assigned to be performed,
20 at least partly, by the respective computer that corresponds to the selected
21 computer representation; and

22 adding a task to the multiple tasks of the work queue when a link of the one
23 or more links from the second pane is dropped at the fourth pane.

1 39. (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
2 medium of claim 38, wherein the method further comprises:

3 enabling a user to cause the respective computer to execute a task of the
4 multiple tasks from the work queue.

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6 40. (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
7 medium of claim 38, wherein the method further comprises:

8 enabling a first user to add at least one task to the multiple tasks included in
9 the work queue.

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11 41. (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
12 medium of claim 40, wherein the enabling further comprises at least one of:

13 dragging at least one link of the one or more links from the second pane and
14 dropping the at least one dragged link at the fourth pane; or

15 dragging a node of the plurality of nodes from the first pane and dropping
16 the dragged node at the fourth pane.

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18 42. (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
19 medium of claim 40, wherein the method further comprises:

20 enabling a second user to cause the respective computer to execute the at
21 least one task that is added by the first user to the multiple tasks of the work queue.

1 **43.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
2 medium of claim 38, wherein each resource of the one or more resources
3 comprises a data file or a computer program.

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5 **44.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
6 medium of claim 38, wherein activation of a link comprises opening a data file or
7 executing a computer program.

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9 **45.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
10 medium of claim 38, wherein the graphical hierarchy is organized by at least one
11 of resource category, functional area, project, sub-project, or task grouping.

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13 **46.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
14 medium of claim 38, wherein the collaboration comprises a testing project, and the
15 one or more resources comprise testing-related data files or computer programs.

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17 **47.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
18 medium of claim 46, wherein activation of a link results in at least one of
19 displaying test documentation, running a test program, installing software to
20 perform a test, or emailing a developer or owner of a test.

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22 **48.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
23 medium of claim 46, wherein the graphical hierarchy is organized by category,
24 including by product being tested and test type being performed.

1 **49.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
2 medium of claim 46, wherein each task of the multiple tasks comprises at least part
3 of a test; and wherein the method further comprises:

4 executing, by the respective computer that corresponds to the selected
5 computer representation, the at least part of a test for each task of the multiple
6 tasks that are included in the work queue of the respective computer.

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8 **50.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
9 medium of claim 46, wherein the presenting in a fourth pane a work queue
10 comprises:

11 presenting the multiple tasks of the work queue in the fourth pane, each task
12 of the multiple tasks including at least a name of the task and a status or last result
13 of the task.

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15 **51.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
16 medium of claim 38, wherein the method further comprises:

17 enabling a user to add a link to, to delete a link from, or to modify a link of
18 the one or more links that are presented in the second pane and that are
19 respectively associated with resources of the one or more resources.

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21 **52.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
22 medium of claim 51, wherein the user that is enabled to add, delete, or modify
23 links has an appropriate access permission but other users with at least read access
24 permission can activate the one or more links presented in the second pane.

1 53. (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
2 medium of claim 38, wherein the method further comprises:

3 displaying a plurality of titles of a plurality of contact persons responsive to
4 selection of a node of the plurality of nodes; and

5 in response to user selection of a title of the plurality of titles, presenting
6 contact information for the contact person of the selected title.

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1 54. (currently amended) At least one computer-readable storage medium
2 having computer-executable instructions for performing a method to enable a
3 plurality of members of an organization to collaborate, the method comprising:

4 displaying in a first pane a graphical hierarchy having a plurality of nodes,
5 each node of the plurality of nodes ~~capable of making~~ adapted to make, upon
6 selection, one or more resources accessible for a collaboration;

7 in response to user selection of a node of the plurality of nodes, presenting
8 in a second pane one or more links, each respective link of the one or more links
9 associated with a respective resource of the one or more resources; wherein
10 activation of a link of the one or more links enables access to an associated
11 resource;

12 displaying in a third pane a plurality of member representations, each
13 respective member representation of the plurality of member representations
14 corresponding to a respective member of the plurality of members that are to
15 contribute to the collaboration; and

16 in response to user selection of a member representation of the plurality of
17 member representations, presenting in a fourth pane a work queue for a respective
18 member that corresponds to the selected member representation; wherein the work
19 queue includes multiple tasks that are assigned to be performed, at least partly, by
20 the respective member that corresponds to the selected member representation; and

21 adding a task to the multiple tasks of the work queue when a link of the one
22 or more links from the second pane is dropped at the fourth pane.

1 **55.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
2 medium of claim 54, wherein the method further comprises:

3 enabling a first member to add at least one task to the multiple tasks
4 included in the work queue.

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6 **56.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
7 medium of claim 55, wherein the enabling further comprises at least one of:

8 dragging at least one link of the one or more links from the second pane and
9 dropping the at least one dragged link at the fourth pane; or

10 dragging a node of the plurality of nodes from the first pane and dropping
11 the dragged node at the fourth pane.

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13 **57.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
14 medium of claim 55, wherein the method further comprises:

15 enabling the respective member that corresponds to the selected member
16 representation to perform the at least one task that is added by the first member to
17 the multiple tasks of the work queue.

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19 **58.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
20 medium of claim 54, wherein each resource of the one or more resources
21 comprises a data file or a computer program.

1 **59.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
2 medium of claim 54, wherein activation of a link comprises opening a data file or
3 executing a computer program.

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5 **60.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
6 medium of claim 54, wherein the graphical hierarchy is organized by at least one
7 of resource category, functional area, project, sub-project, or task grouping.

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9 **61.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
10 medium of claim 54, wherein the organization comprises a company, and the
11 plurality of members comprise a plurality of employees.

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13 **62.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
14 medium of claim 54, wherein activation of a link results in at least one of
15 displaying a manual or installing software.

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17 **63.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
18 medium of claim 54, wherein the graphical hierarchy is organized by category,
19 including by product being tested and test type being performed.

1 **64.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
2 medium of claim 54, wherein each task of the multiple tasks comprises at least part
3 of a testing task; and wherein the method further comprises:

4 causing, by the respective member that corresponds to the selected member
5 representation, performance of the at least part of a testing task for each task of the
6 multiple tasks that are included in the work queue of the respective member.

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8 **65.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
9 medium of claim 54, wherein the method further comprises:

10 enabling a managing member to add a link to, to delete a link from, or to
11 modify a link of the one or more links that are presented in the second pane and
12 that are respectively associated with resources of the one or more resources.

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14 **66.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
15 medium of claim 65, wherein the managing member is permitted to add, delete, or
16 modify links that are presented in the second pane and that are associated with
17 resources but other members with at least read permission can activate the one or
18 more links presented in the second pane.

1 **67.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
2 medium of claim 54, wherein the method further comprises:

3 displaying a plurality of titles of a plurality of contact members responsive
4 to selection of a node of the plurality of nodes; and

5 in response to user selection of a title of the plurality of titles, presenting
6 contact information for the contact member of the selected title.

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8 **68.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
9 medium of claim 54, wherein the presenting in a second pane one or more links
10 comprises:

11 presenting at least a file name and a friendly name for the one or more links.

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13 **69.** (currently amended) The at least one computer-readable storage
14 medium of claim 54, wherein tasks of the multiple tasks included in the work
15 queue may be performed by the respective member that corresponds to the selected
16 member representation by running a program or reading a file.

1 70. (currently amended) A system configured to effectuate actions
2 comprising:

3 displaying in a first pane a graphical hierarchy having a plurality of nodes,
4 each node of the plurality of nodes ~~capable of making adapted to make, upon~~
5 selection, one or more resources accessible for a collaboration;

6 in response to user selection of a node of the plurality of nodes, presenting
7 in a second pane one or more links, each respective link of the one or more links
8 associated with a respective resource of the one or more resources; wherein
9 activation of a link of the one or more links enables access to an associated
10 resource;

11 displaying in a third pane a plurality of computer representations, each
12 respective computer representation of the plurality of computer representations
13 corresponding to a respective computer that can be used to contribute to the
14 collaboration; and

15 in response to user selection of a computer representation of the plurality of
16 computer representations, presenting in a fourth pane a work queue for a
17 respective computer that corresponds to the selected computer representation;
18 wherein the work queue includes multiple tasks that are assigned to be performed,
19 at least partly, by the respective computer that corresponds to the selected
20 computer representation; and

21 adding a task to the multiple tasks of the work queue when a link of the one
22 or more links from the second pane is dropped at the fourth pane.

1 71. (currently amended) A system configured to effectuate actions
2 comprising:

3 displaying in a first pane a graphical hierarchy having a plurality of nodes,
4 each node of the plurality of nodes ~~capable of making adapted to make, upon~~
5 ~~selection,~~ one or more resources accessible for a collaboration;

6 in response to user selection of a node of the plurality of nodes, presenting
7 in a second pane one or more links, each respective link of the one or more links
8 associated with a respective resource of the one or more resources; wherein
9 activation of a link of the one or more links enables access to an associated
10 resource;

11 displaying in a third pane a plurality of member representations, each
12 respective member representation of the plurality of member representations
13 corresponding to a respective member of the plurality of members that are to
14 contribute to the collaboration; and

15 in response to user selection of a member representation of the plurality of
16 member representations, presenting in a fourth pane a work queue for a respective
17 member that corresponds to the selected member representation; wherein the work
18 queue includes multiple tasks that are assigned to be performed, at least partly, by
19 the respective member that corresponds to the selected member representation; and

20 adding a task to the multiple tasks of the work queue when a link of the one
21 or more links from the second pane is dropped at the fourth pane.